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Our relations with Germany are not broken—merely stretched.

"Twas all a mistake—the Verdun battle never will be settled till the war ends.

When the French draw their "curtain of fire," the show is ended for the Germans.

That Harvard university regiment of 1,000 strong might come in handy at a pinch.

For a man who is not a candidate Theodore Roosevelt is doing a good deal of gallivanting around the country.

"Provisional President" Pearce of the "Republic of Ireland" didn't have time enough to learn whether he liked his job.

Vermont spent \$2,163,173.59 for educational purposes during the last fiscal year. Rightly employed, such a vast sum will not be long in lifting Vermont to the front in educational matters.

If Carranza and Villa should unitedly salute the Stars and Stripes perhaps the American troops would be withdrawn from Mexico. And then again, perhaps they would not. At any rate the United States has something coming to it—that salute.

The British will have great need of those additional 18,000 soldiers, being sent over by Canada, because the gaps in the ranks have been unusually wide of late. The dominion has many more men in training who will be sent just as soon as their proficiency warrants. When Great Britain comes to take stock of all her blessings not the least will be help given by Canada in a time of great need.

## DUBLIN'S WOE.

Although not in and of the great war now being waged, Dublin is as thoroughly ravaged as if in the very center of the conflict itself. In one short week the great Irish city has sustained as much damage as falls to the average besieged city and, indeed, it has suffered far worse than many a city for possession of which vast armies clashed in terrible combat for weeks. Moreover, a part of that damage was inflicted by the people of Dublin themselves in their frenzy of resistance to the constituted authority of Great Britain, the rest of the ruin being accomplished in the process of dislodging by the government troops of the men who were resisting that authority. Wide



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Nickville street, one of the principal thoroughfares of the city, is a mass of ruins and many of the public and semi-public buildings have been either razed or so badly wrecked that they will be beyond repair, while other sections of the city have sustained their losses in proportionate measure. It must be a terribly sorry spectacle that greets the population of that city as they awake from their nightmare of turmoil. It will take years, to put Dublin back where she was before the outbreak of the revolutionary spirit of last week; and tens of millions of dollars will be needed to remove the ruins and replace them with structures similar to those destroyed. Dublin's woe is pitiable to look upon.

"The Nomad," writing in the Boston Transcript of May 1, describes the weather conditions in Massachusetts and Vermont on April 29 to the decided advantage of Vermont and declares: "Here, after, when Boston people are tired of waiting for the spring, he will advise them to take the first train for Vermont." Certainly, come right along and bring the entire family. Here you will find plenty of room, as good weather conditions as nature can furnish, pure air, sparkling water, appetizing food and a certain degree of restfulness after the turmoil of city life. What more could one wish for?

## AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION IN VERMONT.

The work of organization for the benefit of Vermont agricultural interests is well-nigh completed, as far as the county agent units are concerned, as only three of the 14 counties are now without a county agent, Washington county being the eleventh county to fall into line in this most progressive movement. The three counties which yet remain out of the list of those organized are Essex, Grand Isle and Lamoille. Of those three none but Lamoille county might reasonably be expected to enter into the movement at the present time, because the population of Grand Isle and Essex counties is very much smaller than in the other counties of the state, and, in the case of Essex, great tracts of land are not utilized for farming purposes and much of it is still covered with timber. Grand Isle's land is quite generally in state of cultivation, but the number of people is comparatively small and they are widely scattered; so the incentive to organization would not normally be so pronounced. In the case of Lamoille county, however, the conditions seem to be favorable for joining the organized movement because the county is one of the rich agricultural sections of Vermont and the possibilities for farming operations are quite pronounced, while, in addition, the population is sufficiently compact to permit of reasonable co-operation. Hence it is to be presumed that Lamoille county will not be long without the services of a county farm agent.

The condensed reports of the various county agents, as compiled under the direction of the College of Agriculture, University of Vermont, make very interesting reading, even to one who is not at all versed in farming, because they indicate that Vermont is progressing steadily along scientific and reasonable lines of farm operation. For instance, the farmers are learning the lesson of co-operative buying, as we note by the report of the Orange county agent, who tells us that some farmers in the town of Bradford bought lime in a consignment, the size of which enabled them to cut their price of last year by \$2.50 per ton. It is only one of the many scattered items that tell of progress toward putting farm operation on a business scale. These collective benefits should be enough to justify the organization many times over and should encourage to further effort along the same line.

## MEETING AT WEST BERLIN.

Farmers Showed Much Interest in Discussion of Alfalfa.

About forty-five people came together at the town hall in West Berlin Friday night to meet the county agricultural agent, F. A. Abbott. The Berlin member of the executive committee of the Washington county farm bureau called the meeting to order and the most of the evening was taken up with the discussion of the proposed projects of the county agent work.

The interest in alfalfa growing was very pronounced. Many questions were asked in regard to the requirements of this particular crop. There are four conditions that are absolutely necessary to the successful growing of alfalfa; first, the soil must be limed or given an alkaline reaction, this because the nitrogen gathering bacteria which are necessary to the growth of alfalfa cannot thrive in an acid soil; second, the soil where alfalfa can be grown must be well drained; alfalfa cannot grow with its feet in the water; this does not mean that the alfalfa must be sowed on a side hill, but it is necessary that there be no appreciable amount of water standing continually around the roots of the plant. It is impossible to have a successful stand of alfalfa on land which stands partially under water during the early spring months because this tends to heave the plants with each frost and break off and break up the root system; third, it is necessary to inoculate the seed with the nitrogen gathering bacteria either from the pure liquid culture or by spreading soil from a previously used alfalfa field on the new field; fourth, a high degree of fertilization is also necessary. This should be largely in the form of nitrogen because the alfalfa is a heavy feeder. Nothing is better for this than good liberal coats of barnyard manure and subsequent top dressing after each crop is taken off. The variety of alfalfa to sow is also an important consideration. The Grim alfalfa has proved that it stands the weather better than any of the others in this section. The time of sowing is also important. The sowing should take place before the fresh shoots from the crown get high enough so that the machine will clip them off. Alfalfa is probably best cured by mowing



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## CONVENTION AT PLAINFIELD.

Washington County Sunday School Association May 10.

The Washington County Sunday School association will meet with Plainfield Methodist church Wednesday, May 10, having as its general theme, "Extending the Influence of the Sunday School."

The morning session will open at 10:30, with the subject, "Through Worship in Song and Study," led by Charles A. Boyd, general secretary; 11, address, "Through a Worldwide Vision," Rev. W. A. Brown, D. D., Chicago; 11:45, announcement of committees; 12:30 to 1:30, conferences, elementary, Miss Ethel Inglis and Miss M. F. Stickney; 1:30, address, "Our Country's Situation," H. C. Woodruff and Dr. W. A. Brown; adult, Dr. O. G. Stickney and C. A. Boyd; 12:30, dinner.

The afternoon session opens at 2 o'clock, Mr. Boyd leading the topic, "Through Worship in Prayer and Praise," at 2:15, "Our Country's Situation," brief reports of county officers; 2:40, address, "Our State; Its Progress and Its Needs," Rev. C. W. Turner, North Bennington, president of Bennington County Sunday School association; 3:15, address, "Through the Cradle Roll," Miss M. F. Stickney, Barre, elementary superintendent, State Sunday School association; 3:40, "Through the Home Department," illustrated by a visitors' meeting, ten workers participating, led by Mrs. Edith Balch Wright, state home department; 4:20, "Our Country's Future," Dr. W. A. Brown; election and installation of officers; 4:45 to 5:30, conference, missions, Dr. Brown; home department, Miss Anna Cummings and Mrs. E. B. Wright; teacher training, Rev. W. L. Boicourt and Mr. Boyd.

The Plainfield Sunday school chorus, led by W. B. Lance, will lead the devotional service in the evening, the session to commence at 7:30. This will be followed by an address, "The Strategy of Youth," Dr. W. A. Brown; 8:30, music

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Of the speakers, Dr. Brown is missionary superintendent of the International Sunday School association, and Vermont is enabled to secure him only through co-operation with the states of New Hampshire and Maine, each being entitled to his services for a week. He served in the Philippines for three years and from his youth has been active in anything pertaining to the kingdom of

God. He is a fine speaker and an alumnus of Baker university and Drew Theological seminary.

## BERLIN.

The regular meeting of Mirror Lake

grange will be held Friday evening. The following program has been prepared: Vocal solo, Lillian Selina; reading, Mrs. Turner; reading, Lawrence Brown; question box, all bring question; solo, Stella Gonyea; a stereopticon lecture will be given, entitled "Alfalfa on Every Farm," solo, C. E. Benjamin.

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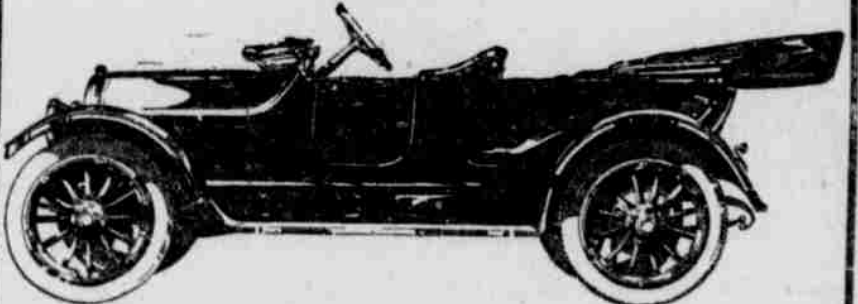
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